1 Pg. 10, line 23, after "angle", delete "β". Pg. 10, line 23, after "applies", insert --corresponds--. Pg. 11, line 6, after "of", insert $-\Delta Z/B$ —. 2 Pg. 11, line 15, delete "[[", insert -- β --. Pg. 11, line 28, delete "span", insert --speed--. Pg. 12, line 14, delete "or", insert --of--. 3 4 5 IN THE CLAIMS Amend claim 1 as rewritten below. 6 Cancel claims 3-12 without prejudice. 7 Add new claims 13-21 as written below. 1. (once amended) 8 A wave reducing [and eliminating ship] hull for a vessel comprising: 9 10 a generally triangular hull having a pointed narrow bow portion and a stern portion having a beam 11 wider than said bow portion; 12 13 said hull including generally rectilinear diverging sides extending substantially from said bow to said 14 15 stern; [and] 16 said hull having a draft adjacent said bow deeper than the draft adjacent said stern[.]; and 17 18 said draft adjacent said bow being no greater than approximately thirty-three percent (33%) of said 19 beam of said stern portion. 20 21 **NEW CLAIMS** 22 23 A transonic hull with a displacement body portion below waterplane having in 24 13. hydrostatic conditions a length, a bow, a stern, and a generally triangular waterplane with an apex 25

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adjacent said bow and a wide base adjacent said stern, said body portion having a first draft adjacent

said bow substantially greater than a second draft adjacent said stern; said body portion being further

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characterized in having three principal longitudinal surface components, two of which form principal right and left side surface elements of said body portion, with the third principle longitudinal surface component forming a principal bottom surface element of said body portion.

- 14. The structure of claim 13 in which said submerged body portion has a longitudinal axis at its waterplane, with athwarship crosssections perpendicular to said longitudinal axis, and with the projection of said crosssections in end view forming a single peripheral envelope of said crosssections with generally flat sides.
- 15. A transonic hull with a displacement body portion below waterplane having in hydrostatic condition a length, a bow, a stern, and a generally triangular waterplane with a longitudinal axis, with an apex adjacent said bow and a wide base adjacent said stern, said body portion having a first draft adjacent said bow substantially greater than a second draft adjacent said stern, said body portion being further characterized in that the lateral edges of said waterplane adjacent and meeting at said apex are substantially rectilinear, and in that the angle included between each of said lateral edges and said longitudinal axis is an acute angle of approximately 7°.
- 16. The structure of claim 15 further characterized in that the flow exit angle in side view established between a rearward undersurface portion adjacent said stern and a line parallel to waterplane intercepting the lower corner of said stern, being no greater than approximately the angle between said lateral edges adjacent said apex.
- 17. The structure of claim 16 further characterized in that said flow exit angle is approximately 60% of the angle between said lateral edges adjacent said apex.
- 18. A Transonic Hull having a submerged portion with a bow, a stern and a length, with power means to move said hull in the water from a first stationary hydrostatic displacement

condition to a second subcritical speed displacement regime and to a third faster super critical speed displacement regime, said submerged portion being further characterized in having:

- (a) a generally triangular waterplane with apex adjacent said bow and a base adjacent said stern,
- (b) a profile with a deeper draft adjacent said bow, the submerged part of said bow being generally free of depending structures, and a smaller draft adjacent said stern,
- (c) and with the draft of said stern varying from approximately 4% of said base relative to a static waterplane in said hydrostatic condition, to substantially zero relative to the water surface adjacent and downstream of said stern when in said subcritical and super critical regimes.
- 19. A Transonic Hull having a submerged portion with a bow, a stern and a length, with power means to move said hull in the water from a first stationary hydrostatic displacement condition to a second subcritical speed displacement regime and to a third faster super critical speed displacement regime, said submerged portion being further characterized in having:
 - (a) a generally triangular waterplane with apex adjacent said bow and a base adjacent said stern,
 - (b) a profile with a deeper draft adjacent said bow and no bulb, and a smaller draft adjacent said stern,
 - (c) with the center of gravity of a boat incorporating said submerged portion located at a distance from said stern at least as great as forward approximately 38% of said length of said

submerged portion.

20. A Transonic Hull having a submerged portion with a bow, a stern and a length, with power means to move said hull in the water from a first stationary hydrostatic displacement condition to a second subcritical speed displacement regime and to a third faster super critical speed displacement regime, said submerged portion being further characterized in having:

- (a) a generally triangular waterplane, with apex adjacent said bow and a base adjacent said stern,
- (b) a profile with a deeper draft adjacent said bow and no bulb, and a smaller draft adjacent said stern,
- (c) with said waterplane having a centroid of area, and the boat incorporating said submerged portion having a center of gravity, with the distance of said center of gravity forward of said center of area being no less than approximately 5% of said length of said waterplane.
- 21. A wave reducing hull for a vessel comprising:

a generally triangular hull having a pointed narrow bow portion and a stern portion having a beam wider than said bow portion;

said hull including generally rectilinear diverging sides extending substantially from said bow to said stern;

said hull having a draft adjacent said bow deeper than the draft adjacent said stern; and